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## End Loud and Polluting Fireworks on Capitola Pier

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**To** City Council <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>

Attention: City Council Members

I am writing to urge you to end the Mark Monte Foundation Fireworks on the Capitola Pier for a multitude of reasons including: Toxins and Pollution in the air, Distressing noise that terrifies pets and war veterans, Disruption to Birds, Otters and other Wildlife, Increase in Drones and noise in addition to the loud booms over Capitola which also terrifies Wildlife within a mile. There have been nesting Eagles in between Capitola and New Brighton over the past two years and Birds of Prey will fight to the death to protect their hatchlings if a Drone flies near a nest. This is one of the reasons that Drones are prohibited in most Santa Cruz Parks.

I live near Soquel Village and the booms can be heard all the way to my home. Imagine how domesticated pets, wildlife and veterans of war suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder experience the excruciating loud booms near Capitola?

There are so many other ways to celebrate Capitola. How about silent digital fireworks, a parade, a fun day on the beach including activities. Many years ago, Mark Monte hosted a celebration by having all the elementary schools participate in a carnival type of event at Seacliff beach where each school created a game for kids.

Thank you for your service and for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Soquel Resident